

**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2015
Meeting Location: Kennebec Conference Room, Gardiner, Maine
Time Meeting Began: 8:07 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tracy Harding called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Tracy Harding
Carl Chatto
Geoffrey Gattis
Brian Perkins
Michael Nickerson

The following staff was present: Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Michelle Lovering, Board Clerk

AAG Present: Robert Perkins

LICENSE/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

- C. CP1919 Renewal Application – Review of Disciplinary Action taken against another Professional License held

The licensee reported “yes” on his license renewal to the question has there been any disciplinary action taken against another professional license you hold or held. This was former disciplinary action against his bar license in Maryland. After review of previous renewal applications, there was a motion to renew his license.

Motion: Michael Nickerson

Second: Carl Chatto

Favored: Tracy Harding, Michael Nickerson, Carl Chatto and Brian Perkins

Recused: Geoffrey Gattis

Motion carries

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. National Association of State Boards of Accountancy – Dan Dustin, Vice President-State board Relations, Guest Speaker

Mr. Dustin gave a general overview and update of NASBA to include:

- Mission
- Advocate for the Boards
- Board Support

- NASBA meetings
- Tools and Services
- Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD)
- Accountancy Licensing Library (ALL)
- CPE Tracking
- DOL ERISA Audits
- Peer Review Program Enhancements
- Cooperative Enforcement
- Definition of Attest
- Firm Mobility
- Code of Conduct
- Next version of the CPA Exam

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Action on Board Minutes of the July 21, 2015 Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.

Motion: Brian Perkins
 Second: Michael Nickerson
 Unanimous

ACTION ON DECISION & ORDER:

- A. 2015-ACC-11186

A motion was made to correct the spelling of “Gaddis” to “Gattis” on the last page and to accept the Decision and Order as amended.

Motion: Michael Nickerson
 Second: Brian Perkins
 Unanimous

LICENSE/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

- A. CP 7796 License Application – Request to approve work experience pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §12228(10) and Chapter 5(4)

After a review of all application materials and supplemental materials, a motion was made to deny the license application. The documents on file did not demonstrate that the non-public accounting work experience was substantially equivalent to public accounting work experience.

Motion: Carl Chatto
 Second: Michael Nickerson
 Unanimous

- B. CP 6409 License Application – Request to approve work experience pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §12228(10) and Chapter 5(4)

After a review of all application materials and supplemental materials, a motion was made to deny the license application. The documents on file did not demonstrate that the non-public accounting work experience was substantially equivalent to public accounting work experience under the supervision of a licensed CPA.

Motion: Geoffrey Gattis

Second: Carl Chatto

Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS:

- B. Administrator's Report

Catherine Carroll reported on the following:

- The attestation bill passed and will be effective October 15, 2015.
- Will schedule the 2016 meeting dates and email to board members.
- Licensed CPAs are in the process of renewing their licenses online and firm licenses can be renewed online around the beginning of November. Initial applications for a CPA license can be submitted online. All licenses are now emailed to licensees.
- Notice to Schedule for Exams – Still researching the impact of going from 6 months to 9 months. Catherine to poll the educators involved and report at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lovering
Board Clerk